THE PROJECT OFFICER IN THE CONTRACT CYCLE (POCC) COURSE

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The Project Officer in the Contract Cycle (POCC) Course is designed to convey a basic understanding of the Agency's procurement authorities and the statutes governing such activity. It tracks the contract cycle from pre-proposal planning through settlement and emphasizes the role of the Contracting Officer's (Project Officer's) Technical Representative (COTR). It deals realistically with practical problems and situations through a combination of lectures, case studies, and class discussions.

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- At the conclusion of the course, students should:

 1. Be familiar with the procurement statutes, Agency procurement policy and authorities, and organization;
- Be aware of the essential steps in the contract cycle;
- 3. Have a firm understanding of the responsibilities of both the contracting officer and the contracting officer's technical representative;
- Appreciate the significance of good industrial security and be aware of the roles of the Security Officer, the Contracting Officer, the Auditor, and the COTR in this regard.

0930-1000 The Significance of the Contracting Process

1000-1015 BREAK

1015-1100 Basic Procurement Laws & Regulations--The Procurement Cycle--

> A brief development of the Armed Services Procurement Act and the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act. The resulting procurement regulations are outlined to highlight the basic procurement policies.

Negotiated Procurement vs. Formal Advertising--

These two methods of procurement will be defined and contrasted, and the unique circumstances under which each method should be used will be highlighted.

1145-1230 Statement of Work - Competitive and Non-competitive Procurement

Emphasis is placed upon the need for a clear statement of the problem and what the Government expects the contractor to deliver. The difference between "sole source" and "noncompetitive" negotiation is explored, as well as the nature of competitive procurement and how the COTR fits into this function.

1230-1330 LUNCH

Monday (continued)

Source Evaluations & Source 1330-1430 Selection

Consideration of the factors influencing the decision of what is the best arrangement for the Government. Explana-tion of the term "responsible offeror" and input required from the Project Officer and others in order to determine responsibility.

> Videotape: Technical Proposal Evaluation

1430-1445 BREAK

1445-1515 Cost & Price Analysis

"Truth in Negotiation Law"

1515-1630

Case Studies and Discussion

Cases will be analyzed by small

Staff and course participants teams and interpretations reported by team spokespersons.

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Tuesday

0900-1000 Negotiating the Contract

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Emphasis is on the procurement team, particularly the
role of the Contract Officer's
Technical Representative.
Negotiation concepts, "leveling", "technical transfusion",
and trade-offs are discussed.

Videotape: The COTR's Role in Contract Administration

A portrayal of the working relationship between the COTR and the Contracting Officer

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1000-1015 BREAK

1015-1100 Fixed Price Contracts

Analysis is made of the various types of fixed price contracts and the circumstance under which each is used.

1100-1145 Cost Reimbursement Contracts

Cost-type contracts are analyzed from the standpoint of economic risk and the need to justify their use. Special procurement types are mentione briefly.

1145-1215 "Boiler Plate"

Forms 142A, E, and F are reviewd briefly to highlight those clauses likely to become operative and of importance to a COTR.

1215-1315 LUNCH

1315-1345 "Boiler Plate" (cont.)

Contract Administration 1345-1430

The role of the COTR is emphasized in monitoring the contractor's performance.
The function of each other member of the procurement team (Contracting Officer, Auditor, Security Officer, and Project Officer) is identified and the contract provisions each surveils.

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1430-1445 BREAK

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Contract Cost Management 1445-1530

Contract cost management is presented to encourage the COTR to become more aware and concerned with the management of funds under his control. Factors influencing "cost overruns" are analyzed.

Case Studies and Discussion Staff and course participants 1530-1630

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Wednesday

0900-0945

Quality Assurance

An analysis is made of the Government's rights under both the fixed price and cost type contracts relating to inspection and acceptance. The role of COTR is stressed.

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0945-1000

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Changes and Disputes Clauses -- Technical Direction

The operation of the "Changes Clause" is reviewed with emphasis on the rights of the contracting parties and the part of the COTR in initiating changes and negotiating the settlements thereof. The opertion of the "Disputes Clause" is explained briefly.

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1045-1130

Contract Termination -Convenience and Default

The difference between Termination for Convenience and Termination for Default is explained and the roles of each member of the procurement team is outlined with emphasis on the COTR.

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1230-1630

Case Studies, Team Problem Solving Staff and course and Role Playing participants

Selected teams will assume roles of contractors, government representatives, and Boards of Contract Appeals in settling disputes.

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Thursday The Agency's Procurement Authority, 0900-1030 Policy, and Organization C/Procurement Mgt. Staff, OL Highlights the activites of the decentralized Contracting Teams and the Agency's Contract Review Board. 25X1 1030-1045 BREAK 1045-1230 Security in Contracting orSpecial emphasis is given to security procedures that must be followed before, during, and after contract settlement. 25X1 1230-1330 LUNCH 1330-1430 Industrial Contract Security Harking Space Highlights industrial and con-# 16/Behind tractual oversight and underscores 25X1 the role of the Industrial Security Branch, OS 1445-1630 The Negotiation of a Contract Contract Ufficer The analysis of a negotiation SPG/OD&E strategy is presented by way of a case history, followed by a film on negotiation techniques.

Film: Negotiating Techniques

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Friday		i I
0900-0945	The Audit Function and the COTR	25X1
	Role of the Auditor in the Contract ORD Contract Team Cycle; interface/interaction between the COTR and Auditor as members of the Contract Team.	
0945-1000	BREAK	25X1
1000-1055	ADPE Procurement	
	Special procedures for the pro- curement of ADPE will be high- lighted.	
1055-1100	BREAK	25X1
1100-1145	Legal Consultant in the Contract	
	An explanation of the role of the OGC in the Contract Cycle.	2574
11451245	LUNCH	25X1
1245-1345	Questions and Answers with a Contracting Officer	
š	A senior Agency contracting officer will answer specific questions from the class with a view towards clarifying the responsibilities and authority of both the contracting officer and the COTR.	O.E.V.
1345-1400	BREAK	25X1
1400-1500	COTR/Project Officer/ Contracting Officer Synergy in Action	25X1
	This presentation stresses the teamwork demanded of the CO, COTR, Project Officer, Security Officer, and Auditor in the Contract Cycle.	25X1
1500-1530	Course Evaluation and Final Administration	

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